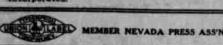
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#### MILLIONS IN SPUDS

Some one is responsible for a very grave error that has gained average of 18 cents per pound, but the banner year is 1916, in which era Nevada for a decade and a half.

Mr. Gregory is cashler and director of the same company is producing an average of over 7,000,000 pounds. detriment of the potato crop, which, according to the best authorities, of copper every month, with a total output for the nine months of and for a long time was assistant including the U. S. department of agriculture, is one of the best the current year of 67,933,274 pounds. The production for state bank examiner. Mr. McCraney and most prolific assets of Nevada. From statements recently December was 8,360,000 pounds, which should net the company holds a responsible position with the printed the impression has gained ground that the spud production over \$2,000,000 a month on the basis of 33 cents copper. These Tonopah Belmont Development com of this state is less than a million dollars and that the sale of potatoes next year will bring into Nevada the sum of \$600,000, solidated, which not very long ago held the post of honor in the of the taking over of a property at Nothing could be further from the truth. The fact is that the potato list of Nevada dividend payers, or at the rate of \$48 a minute for Pactolus, in Fairplay district, Nye crop of this state for 1915, the last year in which the department of the happy stockholders of the Nevada Consolidated. agriculture has issued absolute figures, was valued at \$1,565,000, based on a production of 2,236,000 bushels returns from the planting of 13,000 acres. These figures represent the farm value and therefore do not approximate the whole sum placed in circulation by this humble and popular crop. With one solitary exception, and that is the state of Maine, where they specialize on the homely tuber, Nevada boasts of the highest yield per acre of any state in the union, and the highest net realization in the country, none excepted. For the ten year average from 1906 to 1915 the field averaged 162 bushels per acre in Nevada and 204 bushels in Maine. For 1915 erties with an abundance of profitable ing Wisconsin. the value per acre in Maine was \$108.50, compared with \$120.40 in ore blocked out, but the mine owners Nevads. That shows where the money comes in for the man with are faced by the problems of transa little industry and knowledge of the planting of spuds. But portation and lack of local facilities these figures do not begin to convey the concrete truth, which can only be realized by ascertaining that in Idaho spuds net the farmer \$70 per acre; in Utah, \$78.75; in Washington, \$71.55; in Oregon, \$69.00, and in California, \$97.50 per acre. These should be sufficient inducements to advertise the advantages of this state as a spud section, but it appears something is lacking, for the world is not aware of the excellence of the product raised on the fine sandy loam soil of this arid state.

To return to the original subject, it should be understood that the potato crop of Nevada in 1917 will come within a fraction of touching the value of all the other mineral productions, with the precious metals and copper omitted. Since Tonopah is a mining section, mining parallels will serve better to convey the importance of the spud crop. The farm value of 1915 was based on the selling price of 70 cents per bushel, but this year the farmers are getting \$1.50 per bushel for all they can deliver to the railroad, and consumers will have to pay far better than that before they see the new potato in the market, Accepting the increase for next year to be only 50 per cent over that of 1915, which is a moderate estimate, the crop will amount to 3,354,000 bwshels, valued at \$5,031,000. When it is considered that the wonderful mines of Tonopah disburse approximately \$4,000,000 a year in dividends, then the readers of the Bonanza will be in a better frame of mind to judge for themselves what is due the men who are planting the lowly spud and cultivating an outside market. The value of the silver product of Nye county for 1914 was \$6,317,897, so it can be seen that the rapidly enhancing white metal has a rival worthy of notice in the new aspirant for honors. The news bureau of the Southern Pacific anticipates an increase of 100 per cent in the Nevada potato crop for 1917, and, on that basis, the traffic department is arranging to take care of the crop. If these estimates are fulfilled, then the reader is at liberty to add just one-half to the foregoing estimate of the value of the Nevada potato crop to arrive at a clear understanding of what is doing in the way of agricultural development.

It is not alone in the increased acreage that this state is bound to shine, for every effort is being applied to establish better records for acre production. Eugene Crubb, the world's greatest potato expert, who visited Nevada last year with the object of educating farmers in the proper methods for securing the best results from their labor, says that the average acre yield of Nevada should not be less than 500 bushels per sacre, which would bring at the present abnormal prices over \$750 per acre. That this is not an overdrawn picture it is cited that in the boys' potato club work of eleven states the lads made an average yield of 483.10 bushels at an average acre cost of \$82.'35.

## HUGHES HAD THE FAGHT LEAD

WHEN it comes to dissecting all the political blather and bluster of the campaign it will be found that Mr. Hughes was not far astray in his estima tes of the conduct of the present administration at Washington. One of his charges was that the diplomatic service was the home of every misfit politician who had to be requited for past favors and that in a majority of cases the men landed in these important jobs were unsuited temperamentally or by education fo r the onerous duties thrust upon them. This allegation has bee n admitted to be a solemn reality, for an Association Press dispate' a about which there cannot be the slightest cavil, says it is the custom of all menabers of the diplomatic corps to turn in the sir resignations on the expiration of the presidential term. This is accepted by Mr. Wilson as an easy way to get out of an u gly dilemma, for the message states: "This will afford Mr. Wilson the necessary opportunity to carry out the plans he has project ed, involving a very considerable reorganization of the diplomatic TONOPAH .: NEVADA service so far as the heads are concerned." The same authority continues in explanation: "Many of these were appointed without any special knowledge of their part of the peculiar requirements of their posts. Some had no intention of remaining abroad for more one an now loca led on the fifth floor than four years. In other cases some who expected to remain abroad for a shorter period have been forced by the exigencies of war to meet the wishes of the state department." This convicts the administration of using the diplomatic service as a junketing annex for the gratification of the wishes of some dear friends who wanted to make tours of the world at expense of the government and whose desires met with prompt acquiescence to extinguish political obligations. In such a crisis as this in Europe and Mexico.

no man but Wilson would have the temerity to remove time tried ministers simply because they were of opposite political faith and turn the interests of the United States over to a bunch of tyros.

#### PROSPERITY OF COPPER

No writer can essay to picture the prosperity of Nevada without dwelling on the phenomenal growth of the copper industry, which, even under the present most auspicious conditions, is only in Universal Leasing company was held its infancy. Up to date, it may be granted that the copper at 3:30 yesterday afternoon in the production of the state has been represented almost exclusively by office of J. Grant Crumley in this the porphyry deposits of White Pine county, but before another city. A board of directors was year rolls around the western producers of high grade copper will selected as follows: J. B. Kendall, be outputting at a rate that will refall the wonderful expansion of McCraney and Mrs. Maude Albert the business that absorbs the exclusive attention of Ely. Ten years The board organized by selecting Mr. ago the total production of copper in Nevada was only 413,235 Kendall as president; Mr. Skelton pounds. The following year saw this amount increased to 1,625,985 vice president; Mr. McCraney, secre pounds, and in 1908 the tonnage jumped to 15,598,788 pounds, which tary; Arthur Brown, associate secre was considered marvellous, but it was nothing compared to one year Tonopah Banking corporation was later, when the production rose to 57,976,477 pounds. From that named as depositary. Mrs. Albert is date to 1913 there has been a steady gain, with the high water secretary and treasurer of the Monmark established that year at 90,986,450 pounds. About that time lana-Tonopah Mining company, a the Underwood tariff began to assert itself and the mines and unique position for a woman and oncentrators went on short time, so the production fell to 60,986,450 most competently filled. Mr. Kendall pounds in 1914. The value of the copper produced in this state in Consolidated Mines company. Mr. 1913 was \$14,000,000, in round figures. In 1915 the Nevada Skelton has been an energetic pro-Consolidated alone turned out 62,015,538 pounds that netted an moter and capable operator in southearnings exceed the far famed earnings of the Goldfield Con-

#### AUSTIN COMING BACK

tendent of the Austin-Dakota mine at Francisco Chronicle. Austin, sends a very favorable report of the old district and says he firmly believes that it will soon be im-

England is said to be awaiting our note on the U-53 raid. And we J. H. Schweble, formerly foreman thought the message already sent was of the Victor shaft, but now superin- as complete as it was explicit.—San

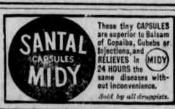
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